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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Juergen Roemisch et al.) Group Art Unit: 1644
Application No.: 09/849,343) Examiner: Phuong N. Huynh
Filed: May 7, 2001)
For: STABILIZED PROTEIN)
PREPARATION AND PROCESS)
FOR ITS PREPARATION)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed September 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages. Applicants previously filed a complete response to the Office Action on August 8, 2003, and a Notice of Appeal on October 8, 2003, in order to maintain the pendency of the application. Thus, Applicants believe that no additional fees or extensions of time are presently due. However, if such fees or extensions of time are necessary to enter the present reply, please grant all extensions of time and charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Am ndm nts to th Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

R marks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.

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